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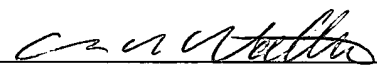
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- a. ☒ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
U.S. 5,729,516 corresponds to JP 09-245438
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U.S. 5,856,958 and EP 0 777 227 correspond to WO 96/38842
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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